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1a. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Bill Clinton is doing as president?

	<u>11/17/97</u>	<u>10/97</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>7/97</u>	<u>6/97</u>	<u>4/97</u>	<u>3/97</u>	<u>High</u> <u>9/97</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>6/93</u>	
Approve.....	62	57	62	56	58	57	57	62	41	[15]
Disapprove.....	28	34	29	36	33	36	36	29	50	
Not sure.....	10	9	9	8	9	7	7	9	9	

1b. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Bill Clinton is doing in handling our foreign policy?

	<u>11/17/97</u>	<u>10/97</u>	<u>9/97</u>	<u>7/97</u>	<u>6/97</u>	<u>4/97</u>	<u>3/97</u>	<u>High</u> <u>1/97</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>9/94</u>	
Approve.....	58	49	50	51	53	52	48	57	32	[16]
Disapprove.....	31	37	34	37	34	32	37	34	60	
Not sure.....	11	14	16	12	13	16	15	9	8	

2a. How closely would you say that you have been following the current situation with Iraq--very closely, somewhat closely, not that closely, or not closely at all?

Very closely.....	35	[17]
Somewhat closely.....	49	
Not that closely.....	10	
Not closely at all.....	6	
Not sure.....	-	

2b. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Bill Clinton is doing in handling the current situation with Iraq?

Approve.....	62	[18]
Disapprove.....	24	
Not sure.....	14	

2c. Do you think that President Clinton has or has not been firm enough in handling the current situation with Iraq?

Has been firm enough.....	45	[19]
Has not been firm enough.....	42	
Depends/some of both (VOL).....	6	
Not sure.....	7	

- 3a. As you may know, the current situation is a result of Iraq refusing to allow Americans to participate in United Nations inspections for chemical and biological weapons materials. Do you think that the United States should use military force or rely on diplomatic negotiations to deal with the current situation with Iraq?

Use military force.....	36	<b>[20]</b>
Rely on diplomatic negotiations.....	47	
Depends (VOL).....	12	
Not sure.....	5	

- 3b. Do you think that the United States does or does not have a national security interest in forcing Iraq to comply with the United Nations inspections for chemical and biological weapons materials?

U.S. does have national security interest.....	81	<b>[21]</b>
U.S. does not have national security interest.....	11	
Depends (VOL).....	2	
Not sure.....	6	

- 4a. Do you think that the United States will or will not go to war against Iraq?

	<u>11/17/97</u>	<u>12/90</u>	
Will go to war.....	42	55	<b>[22]</b>
Will not go to war.....	37	28	
Depends/some of both (VOL) <sup>1</sup> .....	10	NA	
Not sure.....	11	17	

<sup>1</sup> In December of 1990, the volunteered responses "depends" and "some of both" were not recorded.

- 4b. If the United States bombs specific strategic targets in Iraq, do you feel that this action will lead to a wider conflict or lead to a resolution of the current situation?

U.S. bombing will lead to a wider conflict...	43	<b>[23]</b>
U.S. bombing will lead to resolution.....	40	
Depends (VOL).....	8	
Not sure.....	9	

- 4c. Which worries you more--(A) that the United States will go too far in military action and provoke Iraq into a wider conflict, or (B) that the United States will not go far enough in its military action and it will just encourage Iraq not to comply with the UN inspections?

U.S. will go too far in military action.....	26	<b>[24]</b>
U.S. will not go far enough in military action.....	61	
Depends (VOL).....	6	
Not sure.....	7	

- 5a. Do you think that the United States should use military force against Iraq even if no other countries do, or do you think that the United States should use military force only if other countries also agree to join the effort?

U.S. should use military force even if no other countries do so.....	37	<b>[25]</b>
U.S. should use military force only if other countries also join.....	54	
U.S. should not use military force (VOL) .....	3	
Not sure.....	6	

- 5b. If the United States decides to use military force against Iraq, should the first U.S. military action be a massive attack on Iraq or an attack against selected targets in Iraq?

Should be massive attack on Iraq.....	21	<b>[26]</b>
Should be attack against selected targets.....	68	
Not sure.....	11	

- 6a. Let me mention some things that may or may not happen in the current situation between the United States and Iraq. For each one, please tell me whether the U.S. should or should not use military force against Iraq?

	U.S. Should Use <u>Force</u>	U.S. Should Not Use <u>Force</u>	Not <u>Sure</u>	
If Iraq continues to prevent United Nations inspectors from inspecting its weapons facilities....	73	19	8	<b>[27]</b>
If Iraq fires at U.S. planes that are conducting UN-approved inspection flights.....	92	5	3	<b>[28]</b>
To stop Iraq from developing chemical or biological weapons.....	83	10	7	<b>[29]</b>

- 6b. Do you think that President Clinton should or should not be required to receive approval from Congress before taking offensive military action against Iraq?

Should be required.....	57	<b>[30]</b>
Should not be required.....	37	
Not sure.....	6	

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Do you think President Bush should or should not be required to receive approval from Congress before taking offensive military action against Iraq?

Should be required.....	71
Should not be required.....	24
Not sure.....	5

- 7a. Do you think that it was a mistake to end the 1991 Persian Gulf War without capturing or killing Saddam Hussein?

Mistake to end Persian Gulf War.....	74	<b>[31]</b>
Not a mistake to end Persian Gulf War.....	19	
Not sure.....	7	

- 7b. Should the goal of any use of military force by the United States against Iraq include the capture or death of Saddam Hussein? **(IF YES, ASK:)** Would you still support using military force against Iraq if it meant that U.S. troops would have to occupy Iraq for a long period of time?

<b>Yes, goal of military force should include Hussein's capture/death.....</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>[32]</b>
Yes, would still support using military force.....	58	
No, would not still support using military force.....	14	
Not sure.....	8	
<b>No, goal of military force should not include Hussein's capture/death.....</b>	<b>14</b>	
<b>Not sure.....</b>	<b>6</b>	

- 8a. If the United States takes military action against Iraq, how likely do you think it is that the U.S. will get bogged down in a lengthy land war with many U.S. casualties--extremely likely, fairly likely, somewhat likely, or not very likely?

Extremely likely.....	16	<b>[34]</b>
Fairly likely.....	18	
Somewhat likely.....	25	
Not very likely.....	37	
Not sure.....	4	

- 8b. Finally, do you think that Saddam Hussein is a madman or do you think that he is acting out of strategic political considerations?

Hussein is a madman.....	63	<b>[35]</b>
Hussein acting out of strategic considerations.....	22	
Some of both (VOL).....	11	
Not sure.....	4	

**FACTUALS:** Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

- F1. How old are you? **(IF REFUSED, ASK:)** Well, can you tell me which age group you belong to? Are you in the age group 18 to 24, 25 to 29, 30 to 34, 35 to 39, 40 to 44, 45 to 49, 50 to 54, 55 to 59, 60 to 64, or 65 and over?

18-24.....	9	<b>{202}</b>
25-29.....	10	
30-34.....	11	
35-39.....	9	
40-44.....	12	
45-49.....	11	
50-54.....	6	
55-59.....	7	
60-64.....	6	
65 and over.....	17	
Refused.....	2	

- F2. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else?

**(IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:)** Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? **(IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "NOT VERY STRONG DEMOCRAT/ REPUBLICAN.")**

**(IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:)** Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent? **(IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "STRICTLY INDEPENDENT.")**

Strong Democrat.....	21	<b>{205}</b>
Not very strong Democrat.....	10	
Independent/lean Democrat.....	8	
Strictly independent.....	22	
Independent/lean Republican.....	7	
Not very strong Republican.....	9	
Strong Republican.....	16	
Other.....	4	
Not sure/nothing.....	3	

F3. Are you white, black, Hispanic, Asian, or something else?

White.....	79	<b>{220}</b>
Black.....	10	
Hispanic.....	6	
Asian.....	2	
Other.....	1	
Not sure/refused.....	2	

F4. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than \$10,000, between \$10,000 and \$20,000, between \$20,000 and \$30,000, between \$30,000 and \$40,000, between \$40,000 and \$50,000, between \$50,000 and \$75,000, between \$75,000 and \$100,000, or would the total be more than that?

Less than \$10,000.....	5	<b>{221}</b>
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000.....	12	
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000.....	15	
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000.....	12	
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000.....	12	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000.....	15	
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000.....	6	
More than \$100,000.....	7	
Not sure/refused.....	16	